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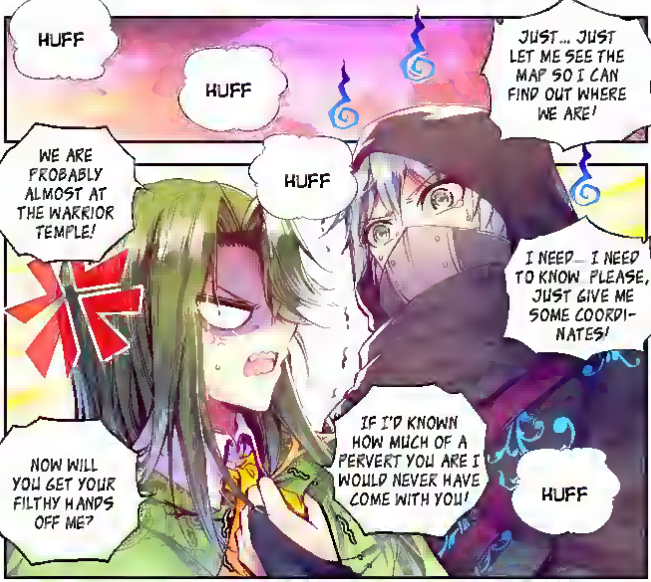
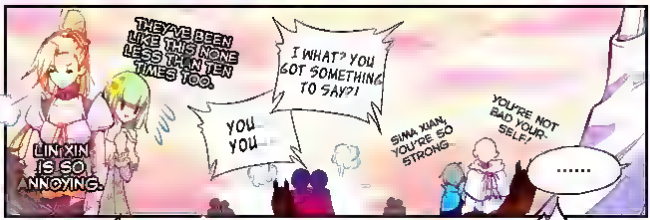
CHAPTER 65
THE MOONLIGHT
MERCHANT GROUP


HUFF
HUFF
JUST... JUST LET ME SEE THE MAP SO I CAN FIND OUT WHERE WE ARE!
WE ARE PROBABLY ALMOST AT THE WARRIOR TEMPLE!
HUFF
I NEED... I NEED TO KNOW. PLEASE, JUST GIVE ME SOME COORDINATES!
NOW WILL YOU GET YOUR FILTHY HANDS OFF ME?
IF I'D KNOWN HOW MUCH OF A PERVERT YOU ARE I WOULD NEVER HAVE COME WITH YOU!
HUFF


THEY'VE BEEN LIKE THIS NONE LESS THAN TEN TIMES TOO.
LIN XIN IS SO ANNOYING.
I WHAT? YOU GOT SOMETHING TO SAY?!
YOU YOU...
SIMA XIAN, YOU'RE SO STRONG
YOU'RE NOT BAD YOURSELF.
.....

FINE ALREADY! JUST SHUT UP FOR A SEC AND I'LL SHOW YOU.
DJ!
OPEN THEM EYES WIDE, YOU OCD FREAK!

THERE, YOU HAPPY NOW?
THAT'S THE TEMPLE'S MAIN GATE, HALF A MILE AWAY.
AND A HUNDRED MILES BEYOND THAT IS STAR-SEEKER CITY.
ONCE WE DECIDE WHERE TO GO WE CAN REST UP, ALRIGHT?!
THANK YOU! I THINK I'M HORSE-SICK!
HOW DID I LET MYSELF GET STUCK WITH SOME IDIOT LIKE YOU?
YOU WON'T KNOW IF YOU DON'T TRY
BUT IF I TWIN LIKE YOU WILL I ALSO GO BALD?
WE CAN HEAD STRAIGHT TO THE FORTRESS OR REST AND REGROUP AT STARSEEKER CITY, EITHER WORKS.
WHAT DO YOU THINK, HAO CHEN?
HM?

IN THAT CASE, LET'S GO TO WARRIOR TEMPLE'S SOUTH EAST FORT
HMPH, THAT LONG HAOCHEN! SOMETIMES I FORGET HOW MUCH HE LOOKS LIKE A GIRL..
YOU MAY BE PRETTY BUT AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED YOU'RE JUST ALL FLASH AND NO SUBSTANCE!
UM... CAPTAIN LONG...
PERHAPS IT WOULD BE BETTER TO REST AT STAR-SEEKER CITY.
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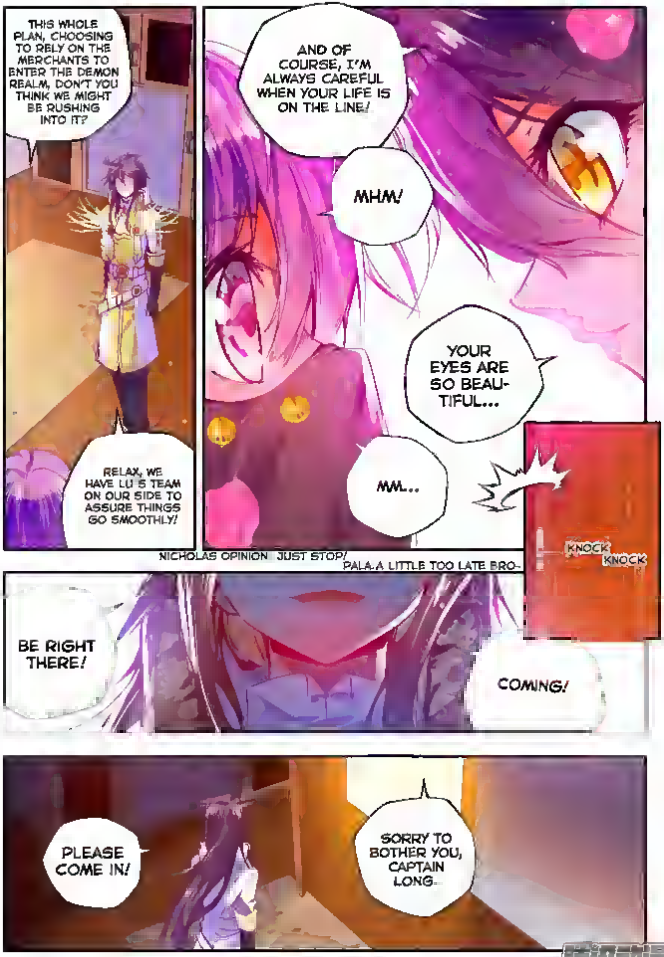
?
I CAN'T LET HIM HOG THE SPOTLIGHT!

ONE... ONE OF THE WARRIORS ON OUR TEAM HAS A GOOD PROPOSAL!
DIAN YAN, GO AHEAD AND EXPLAIN IT TO CAPTAIN LONG
YES SIR!
OH? WELL IF YOU HAVE A BETTER IDEA,
I'M ALWAYS WILLING TO LISTEN!
CUTE!
WELL, ESSEN-TIALLY...
THERE'RE A LOT TRAVELLING MER-CHANTS IN THE BOR-DERLANDS THEY'RE KNOWN FOR DOING BUSINESS WITH BOTH HUMAN AND DEMONKIND.
BY STRADDLING THE INTERSECTIONS OF HUMAN AND DEMON INFLUENCE, THEY ARE ABLE TO PROFIT FROM BOTH PARTIES.

SO WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS, WE SHOULD THINK OF A WAY TO GET IN CONTACT WITH THESE TRAVELLING MERCHANTS,
AND INFILTRATE THEIR RANKS, THEREBY GAINING ACCESS TO DEMON TERRITORY?
Y-YES SIR!
WELL THEN, CAPTAIN LONG, DO DIAN AND I HAVE YOUR LEAVE TO TAKE CARE OF THE DETAILS OF GETTING INSIDE THE CITY?
OF COURSE. I TRUST YOU WHOLEHEARTEDLY!
WELL THEN, WE WILL TRUST IN YOUR JUDGEMENT —DIAN YAN— AND RALLY AT STARSEEKER CITY
BUT WHAT WILL WE DO WITH THE HORSES? THEY COST A FAIR AMOUNT OF MONEY!
DON'T WORRY LI XIN, I'LL HANDLE THEM.
HAHA, AND SO IT BEGINS!

STARSEEKER CITY
WE CAN ENTER THROUGH THIS GATE.
GO AHEAD AND TAKE YOUR TEAM IN, CAPTAIN LONG I WANT TO HAVE A WORD WITH DIAN YAN HERE
ALRIGHT!
I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU THEN, DIAN!
YES SIR!
Ahahaha!
LONG HAOCHEN, OH LONG HAOCHEN. YOUR DEMON HUNTING SQUAD MAY BE 1ST RANK!
CAPTAIN LU, WHAT ARE YOU LAUGHING AT?
HURRY AND GET UP HERE WITH US!
ALRIGHT! I'M COMING!
BUT IN THE END, YOU'RE STILL YOUNG
HEY, HAOCHEN.
CAI ER? WHAT'S THE MATTER?


THIS WHOLE PLAN, CHOOSING TO RELY ON THE MERCHANTS TO ENTER THE DEMON REALM, DON'T YOU THINK WE MIGHT BE RUSHING INTO IT?
RELAX, WE HAVE LI'S TEAM ON OUR SIDE TO ASSURE THINGS GO SMOOTHLY!
AND OF COURSE, I'M ALWAYS CAREFUL WHEN YOUR LIFE IS ON THE LINE!
MHM!
YOUR EYES ARE SO BEAU-TIFUL...
MM...
KNOCK KNOCK
NICHOLAS OPINION: JUST STOP!
PALA:A LITTLE TOO LATE BRO-
BE RIGHT THERE!
COMING!
PLEASE COME IN!
SORRY TO BOTHER YOU, CAPTAIN LONG.

THIS IS MY UNCLE DIAN XUAN. HE IS THE MANAGER AND HEAD OF THE GUARD FOR THE MOONLIGHT MERCHANT GROUP.
WHEN I TOLD HIM WE WERE LOOKING TO TAKE ON A BIG JOB, HE INSISTED ON MEETING YOU IN PERSON
I HEARD YOU HAVE OVER TEN PEOPLE UNDER YOU.
GREETINGS!
INCLUDING DIAN YAN THERE'S 13 OF US. 8 MALE 5 FEMALE
I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU.
AFTERWARDS, DIAN QUAN OUTLINED THE MERCHANT TEAM'S TERMS TO LONG HAOCHEN
THE TWO ONLY STOPPED CONVERSING TO PART AT THE DOOR

CAPTAIN LONG, SORRY TO DISTURB YOU
I DIDN'T GET THE CHANCE TO FILL YOU IN BEFORE.
PLEASE DO THEN.
THE MOONLIGHT MERCHANT GROUP IS THE LARGEST MERCHANT GROUP HERE. THEY OPERATE ON A LARGE SCALE. NOT ONLY ARE THERE HUMANS, THERE ARE DEMONS TOO.
GENERALLY SPEAKING, THEY DON'T CARE TOO MUCH WHO THEY ARE HIRING AS LONG AS THEY GET THE JOB DONE. IT'S AN UNSPOKEN RULE AMONG TRAVELING MERCHANTS NOT TO ASK TOO MANY QUESTIONS.
WHY DIDN'T YOU MENTION THESE DETAILS EARLIER, OUTSIDE THE CITY?
OH... WELL...
MY APOLOGIES, I FORGOT TO!
AND WELL... THINGS WERE STILL UP IN THE AIR.
BUT NOW THAT WE'VE DECIDED ON A MERCHANT GROUP TO WORK WITH, I FIGURED YOU'D WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THEM!
THANK YOU, DIAN YAN. NOW, LET'S ALL MAKE PREPARATIONS TO MOVE OUT.

CAPTAIN LU, I'VE RETURNED!
HOW DID IT GO? WHAT DID LONG HAO CHEN SAY?
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THERE'S NOT MUCH TO SAY. EVERYTHING WENT AS EXPECTED, OF COURSE!

HE'S NO MORE THAN A WEAK, NAIVE CHILD.
IT'S OBVIOUS HIS PLANNING CAPABILITY CAN'T COMPARE TO YOURS!
OF COURSE! WHO DO YOU THINK I AM? I AM CAPABLE OF DESTROYING HIS REPUTATION WITHOUT BREAKING A SWEAT!
EVEN SO, YOU MUSTN'T ALLOW YOURSELF TO BE EXPOSED. GROWING CARELESS NOW WOULD NOT BE WISE.
ESPECIALLY WHEN THERE'S SO MUCH PROFIT ON THE LINE...

FALA: IN SHORT, HE IS A GREEDY BASTARD AND A MEGALOMANIA C

MY UNCLE SAYS THE MERCHANT GROUP IS BOUND FOR THE HEART OF DEMON TERRITORY. TRAVELLING WITH THEM WILL SAVE US A LOT OF TROUBLE.
THEY ALSO PLAN TO STAY THERE FOR A MONTH, BUYING AND SELLING GOODS.
RETURNING ALONG WITH THEM WILL ALLOW US TO CUT DOWN THE RISK OF THE MISSION SIGNIFICANTLY.
EXCELLENT! WE CAN MAKE SURE WE'RE WELL RESTED IN THE INTERVENING TIME.
THREE DAYS LATER
OUTSIDE STAR-SEEKER CITY'S SOUTH GATE.
CAPTAIN DIAN PREPARATIONS ARE COMPLETE
VERY WELL. MOVE OUT!

OUTFITTED WITH THE MERCHANT GROUP'S CLOAKS AND SABRES, LONG HAO CHEN'S PARTY DISPERSED THROUGHOUT THE CARAVAN.
THE DEMON HUNTING TEAM'S TASK WAS SIMPLE. TRANSPORT AND PROTECT THE MERCHANTS! GOOD!!!
LET'S HAVE ENERGY WITH YOURSELVES!!
HMM... MAKE SURE YOU GUARD THEIR GOODS!!
ALRIGHT EVERYONE! WE HAVE COME THIS FAR. DON'T REVEAL YOUR IDENTITIES.
YES SIR!
LOOKS LIKE STICKING WITH THE MERCHANT GROUP WAS THE RIGHT CHOICE.
SO, THE GATE JUST LETS THEM THROUGH?

EVEN HUMANS AND DEMONS WILL PUT ASIDE THEIR DIFFERENCES IF THERE'S ENOUGH PROFIT TO BE HAND.
WHAT WITH THE HUGE AMOUNT OF REVENUE THE MOONLIGHT MERCHANT GROUP'S BUSINESS BRINGS, NO HUMAN SETTLEMENT IS GOING TO TURN THEM AWAY.
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU KNEW SO MUCH ABOUT ALL THIS, LU!
IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN, DEMON SETTLEMENTS WON'T DIFFER MUCH FROM THE HUMAN ONES IN THAT RESPECT.
DON'T YOU THINK, LONG HAO CHEN?
THAT'S RIGHT!

WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT YOU WERE SO KNOWLEDGEABLE?!
PLEASE, REALLY.
HAHA~
OF COURSE HE'S KNOWLEDGEABLE, UNLIKE A CERTAIN MASKED PERVERT I KNOW
WHO ARE YOU CALLING A PERVERT?!

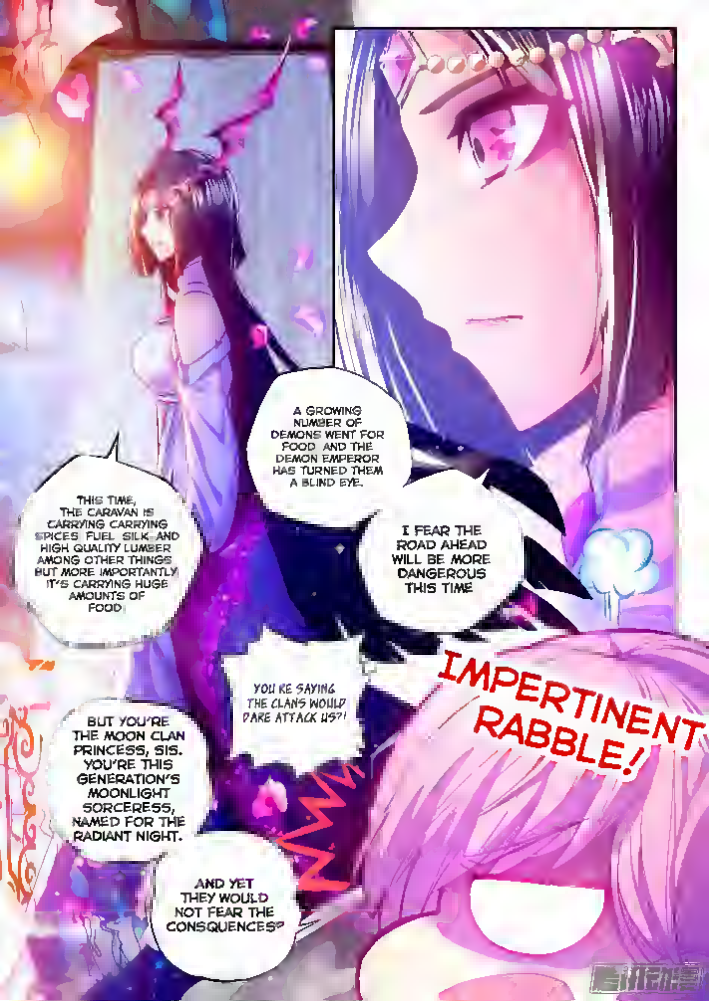
YOU MUST ALSO KNOW A LOT ABOUT THE FOOD HERE. WHAT DO YOU SAY WE GET SOMETHING TO EAT SOMETIME?
I WANT TO COME TOO! YOU'RE A TEAM CAPTAIN, YOU HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF US!
AHAHA...

ALRIGHT! ALRIGHT!

TEN DAYS EARLIER
AT THE DEMON HUNTER TOWER.
DAMN, DAMN, DAMN! HAVE TO HURRY...
IT'S NO GOOD! YOU HAVE TO WITHDRAW THE FIT OF DESPAIR ASSIGNMENT!
THE LATEST REPORTS SAY THERE MIGHT BE 8TH OR EVEN 9TH LEVEL DEMONS IN THE FIT, NOT TO MENTION ANCIENT RELICS.
THE ASSIGNMENT'S DIFFICULTY IS MUCH HIGHER THAN WE THOUGHT. THE REWARD COULD REACH AS HIGH AS 200,000! WE NEED A KING-LEVEL TEAM ON THIS!
K-KING LEVEL?
BUT... THE ASSIGNMENT WAS ALREADY TAKEN.
BY TWO TEAMS, ONE GENERAL-LEVEL, ONE KNIGHT-LEVEL.
WHAT? TAKEN? BY A GENERAL-LEVEL TEAM?!
THE ASSIGNMENT WAS TO PENETRATE OVER FIVE-HUNDRED MILES INTO DEMON TERRITORY! HOW COULD IT HAVE ALREADY BEEN TAKEN?

DAMNIT!
I WAS CARELESS. I THOUGHT I WOULD GET BACK IN TIME...
THEN AGAIN, THERE ARE TWO TEAMS ON IT, AND ONE IS GENERAL-LEVEL.
IF IT GETS TOO DANGEROUS, THEY SHOULD AT LEAST BE ABLE TO RETREAT.
WE CAN'T ALLOW ANY MISTAKES!
BUT WHAT THE ATTENDANT DIDN'T KNOW WAS THAT THE DEMON HUNTING TEAM HAD ONLY JUST ASCENDED TO GENERAL-RANK.
SIS! SIS!
DO YOU THINK YOU'LL SCORE A BIG ONE THIS TIME?
MAYBE ENOUGH TO BUY SOME MORE HUMAN THINGS TO PLAY WITH?

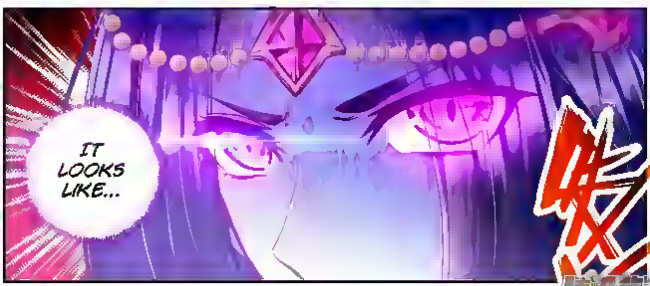
I REALLY WANT TO PLAY...
AND CAN I CHANGE EYES? IT'S BEEN SO LONG
MM... YES, GO AHEAD. WE'RE ALREADY OUT OF HUMAN TERRITORY ANYWAY


A GROWING NUMBER OF DEMONS WENT FOR FOOD AND THE DEMON EMPEROR HAS TURNED THEM A BLIND EYE.
I FEAR THE ROAD AHEAD WILL BE MORE DANGEROUS THIS TIME
THIS TIME, THE CARAVAN IS CARRYING CARRYING SPICES FUEL SILK AND HIGH QUALITY LUMBER AMONG OTHER THINGS BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY IT'S CARRYING HUGE AMOUNTS OF FOOD
IMPERTINENT RABBLE!
YOU'RE SAYING THE CLANS WOULD DARE ATTACK US?!
BUT YOU'RE THE MOON CLAN PRINCESS, SIS. YOU'RE THIS GENERATION'S MOONLIGHT SORCERESS, NAMED FOR THE RADIANT NIGHT.
AND YET THEY WOULD NOT FEAR THE CONSQUENCES?

I'M PREPARED. IN THE NEXT FIVE DAYS MY CLANS MAN WILL ARRIVE TO GREET US!
HAHA, AMAZING!
OK!
OK!
OK!
OK!
OK!
HM, I HOPE IT THERE WON'T...
WHAT?!
SOMETHING DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT...

SIS, WHAT'S WRONG?
IT SEEMS THERE'S A SPY AMONG THE CARAVAN. THEY MUST HAVE SOLD US OUT ALREADY!
WE'RE IN DANGER!

STAY IN THE CARRIAGE!
SIS COULD IT BE ...
THIS IS AN ORDER!
SIS!
PAK!


IT LOOKS LIKE...

SOMEONE HAS A DEATH WISH!
THEY'RE COMING...
A HORDE OF DEMONS, RIGHT AHEAD OF US!